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APOLOGIES TO YOU BOTH FOR UNDUE LENGTH OF TIME THAT HAS
PASSED BEFORE I COULD REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS TO JAPAN
METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY. I CALLED ON DR. YOSHIRO SEKIGUCHI,
DIRECTOR OF JMA PLANNING DIVISION, AND GAVE HIM EXTENSIVE
BRIEFING ON MY TWO-DAY VISIT TO ERL--DESCRIBING IN DETAIL
VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER WAY AND PASSING TO HIM SERIES
OF DOCUMENTS ON ERL PROGRAMS WHICH YOU PROVIDED.
UNFORTUNATELY, CONVERSATION WAS QUITE ONE-SIDED AND I
COULD ELICIT VERY LITTLE RESPONSE. I DID LEARN THAT
DR. KONO (WHO HAD BEEN AT ERL) IS NOW STATIONED AT
METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE CENTER OUTSIDE OF TOKYO; HE
IS CONSIDERED TO BE GOOD CONTACT POINT FOR ERL. SEKIGUCHI
WAS UNRESPONSIVE TO MY REQUEST FOR COOPERATION ON TRACE
GAS (PARTICULARLY CARBON DIOXIDE) ANALYSIS, SUBJECT
WHICH DR. HANSEN HAD ASKED ME TO LOOK INTO. HE DID SHOW
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INTEREST IN WHAT WAS GOING ON IN PROJECT STORMFURY AND
TOLD ME THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY WAS POSITIVELY
INCLINED TOWARD TYPHOON MODIFICATION ALTHOUGH HIS OWN
PARENT AGENCY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WAS STILL VERY
CONCERNED AND SENSITIVE.

BECAUSE OF LONG TIME ELAPSED SINCE MY VISIT, YOU MAY

ALREADY HAVE HAD CONTACTS WITH JMA PEOPLE AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN MORE PRODUCTIVE. I DO PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON VISIT TO SEKIGUCHI BY ASKING FOR JMA REACTION TO DOCUMENTATION LEFT WITH HIM AND FOR BREIFING ON WHAT RESEARCH IS GOING ON UNDER JMA AUSPICES. MY GUESS IS THAT SEKIGUCHI MUST CONSULT WITH MANY OTHER PEOPLE BEFORE HE CAN COMMIT JMA, EVEN INFORMALLY, TO BROADER PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH ERL. HE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COOPERATION HAS BEEN MINIMAL, CONSIDERING MUTUAL INTERESTS OF TWO AGENCIES, AND HAS AGREED TO AT LEAST LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING COOPERATION.

INCIDENTALLY, I PASSED ON TO HIM THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN 1979 AT ERL AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD BE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR JMA SCIENTISTS TO LEARN IN DEPTH ABOUT ERL RESEARCH.

WILL REPORT AGAIN WHEN I HEAR FROM JMA OR AFTER MY FURTHER INQUIRIES. MANY, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR COURTESIES DURING MY MOST CONSTRUCTIVE VISIT TO YOUR IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES.
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